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***E-News for the Week: November 18,  
2016...***

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## RECENT LEGISLATION

### Joining the National League of Cities during the City Summit Conference...

This week, I attended the National League of Cities (NLC) 2016 Public Safety & Crime Prevention (PSCP) Steering Committee, which I have been appointed to for the past three years, held during the City Summit in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The PSCP committee is responsible for developing NLC federal policy positions on issues involving crime prevention, corrections, substance abuse, municipal fire policy, juvenile justice, disaster preparedness and relief, homeland security, domestic terrorism, court systems, and gun control.



The NLC is the oldest and largest national organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States. Its mission is to strengthen and promote cities as centers of opportunity, leadership, and governance. The NLC serves as a resource to and an advocate for the more than 19,000 cities, villages and towns throughout the country.

For more information on the NLC, go to [www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Council District 12 Volunteers During the North Valley Family YMCA Thanksgiving Turkey Drive...



This week, my office partnered with the North Valley YMCA to deliver over 3,500 turkey dinners to families in need. The idea for the Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway started nine years ago with the goal of giving away 50 dinners to families in the San Fernando Valley. Since that successful year, the set goal has grown exponentially. The Thanksgiving baskets included the complete makings of a Thanksgiving meal with a turkey, vegetables, gravy, cranberry sauce, chicken broth, stuffing, and dessert.

Thank you to the over 500 volunteers and sponsors for supporting our partnership with the North Valley Family YMCA. These meals will feed families in need throughout the Valley this Thanksgiving.

It is essential that we remember to not only give back during this holiday season, but also throughout the entire year. Giving thanks isn't about a special time of month; seasons change but gratitude, showing appreciation, and giving back to the community is a feeling that should last year round.

### Castlebay Lane Charter School Computer Lab Grand Opening...



This week, I was proud to join Castlebay Lane Charter School as they

held the grand opening of their new Computer Lab. The classroom features 40 brand new iMac computers and Apple technology and allows students to become fully immersed in the STEAM education plan.



Thank you to Castlebay Lane's Principal, Victoria Littlejohn, the Parents And Teachers Helping (PATH) members, especially PATH President Sumi Alhadeff and Vice President Durre Rizvi Syed, and all of the faculty and staff that came together to bring higher education to our students.

## LAPD Devonshire PALS 32nd Annual Holiday Toy Drive...

CD 12 is proud to support the toy drive for underserved youth in our community hosted by the LAPD Devonshire PALS Center. PALS is accepting new, unwrapped toys, games, books, gift cards, and cash donations for children ages 0 to 17. Toys can be dropped off at the following locations:



**Council District 12 Community  
Service Center  
9207 Oakdale Ave.  
Chatsworth**

**PALS Center  
8721 Wilbur Ave.  
Northridge**

**Devonshire Police Station  
10250 Etiwanda Ave.  
Northridge**

*The final day to drop off toys is **Friday, December 16**. The 32nd Annual Toy Drive is on December 17 at 9:00 am. To volunteer at the toy drive and for more information, call (818) 885-6432.*

## Shop Local This Small Business Saturday...

Small Business Saturday is a day when shoppers across the country are encouraged to support small, local shops and boutiques throughout the



community. The San Fernando Valley has a treasure trove of local businesses to choose from that can assist you with all of your holiday shopping and throughout the year. Give thanks to your neighborhood stores by paying them a visit and shopping local this Small Business Saturday.



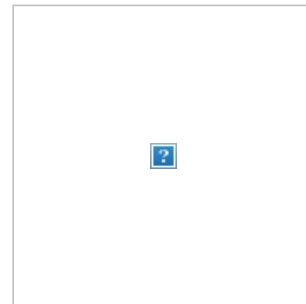
To learn about a few of our favorite local businesses, [click here](#) or go to your local Chamber of Commerce website.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Bureau of Sanitation Coming to CD12 Community Service Center...

We are now taking reservations for community members to meet one-on-one with representatives of City Departments at our Community Service Center in Chatsworth.

We have regularly scheduled time slots for community members to meet with the Planning, Police, Transportation (LADOT), Housing & Community Development, Neighborhood Empowerment Departments and the Bureau of Sanitation. This offers community members an opportunity to get information and assistance in Chatsworth without having to travel all the way downtown. Meetings are by appointment only. The following Departments are currently taking appointments:



**Bureau of Sanitation**  
**Wednesday, December 7**  
**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Our Community Service Center is located at 9207 Oakdale Ave., Second Floor, in Chatsworth.

To RSVP and for more information, call [\(818\) 882-1212](tel:8188821212).

## The Friends of the Granada Hills Library Book Sale...

The Friends of the Granada Hills Library will host a two-day used book sale. There will be a great variety of hardcovers and paperbacks, representing all ages, subjects, and interests sold at the event. Prices for most books will range from 25 cents to one dollar and all proceeds will benefit the library.



**Friday, November 18**  
**9:30 am to 5:00 pm**

**Saturday, November 19**  
**9:30 am to 4:00 pm**

**Granada Hills Library - Community Room**  
**10640 Petit Ave.**  
**Granada Hills**

*For more information, call (818) 368-5687.*

## The 7th Annual Cruise-in and Toy Drive...



Bob's Big Boy, the Rodfathers, and the Yakety-Yaks Car Clubs are hosting their 7th Annual Cruise-in and Toy Drive event in support of the US Military who are unable to go home for the holidays. Please bring unwrapped toys, games, and donations for boys and girls in need this holiday season.

**Friday, December 2**  
**4:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Bob's Big Boy**

**8876 Corbin Ave.**  
**Northridge**

*For more information, call (818) 341-6383 or go to [www.rod fathers.com](http://www.rod fathers.com).*

## St. John Baptist De La Salle Holiday Boutique...

Join the members of St. John Baptist De La Salle during their annual holiday boutique. The boutique will feature over 40 vendors that will sell handmade gifts, jewelry, and holiday décor. The event is free and open to the public.



**Friday, December 2**  
**10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Saturday, December 3**

**10:00 am to 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 4**

**8:30 am to 2:00 pm**

**St. John Baptist De La Salle  
10738 Hayvenhurst Ave  
Granada Hills**

*For more information and to become a vendor, call (818) 363-2270.*

## **San Fernando Valley Historical Society Las Posadas Reenactment...**



For the 16th consecutive year, the San Fernando Valley Historical Society (SFVHS) in cooperation with the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department, presents the Las Posadas Reenactment this holiday season. The historical Andres Pico Adobe landmark will set the stage for Las Posadas: A traditional Mexican Christmas pageant that re-enacts Mary and Joseph's search for shelter in Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus. This free community event is open to the general public and complimentary refreshments will be served.

**Saturday, December 3**

**5:00 pm**

**Andres Pico Adobe Park  
10940 Sepulveda Blvd.  
Mission Hills**

*For more information, call (818) 365-7810 or go to [www.sfvhs.com](http://www.sfvhs.com).*

## **Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Boutique...**

Join Our Lady of Lourdes as they host their annual Christmas Boutique. There will be jewelry, clothes, kitchen goods, food, handmade gifts, and so much more. Bring your cameras and take a picture with Santa.



**Sunday, December 4**

**8:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Our Lady of Lourdes  
18405 Superior St.  
Northridge**

*For more information, go to [www.ollnr.org](http://www.ollnr.org).*

## **Swing in the Holidays with Swing Dames...**



This Holiday Season, Swing Dames will be joined by host "Rob Pope", showcasing their Holiday Favorites & 40s Big Band sound with the 7-piece Swing Dames Band. Featuring stylish choreography, sophisticated costumes and dynamic vocals that soar higher than Old Glory herself, Swing Dames are sure to leave you excited for the holiday season. Tickets include show entrance and a 3-course meal.

**Monday, December 5**  
**7:00 pm**

**Van Nuys Airport - 94th Aero Squadron**  
**16320 Raymer St**  
**Van Nuys**

To buy tickets, go to [www.swingdames.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.swingdames.brownpapertickets.com).

## Chatsworth Handmade Market and Boutique...

Join My Creative Outlet as they host a handmade market and boutique featuring local artists and artisan makers. Stop by their shop and look for them at the Chatsworth Parade.



**Thursday, December 8**  
**1:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**Friday, December 9**  
**& Saturday, December 10**  
**10:00 am to 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 11**  
**10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**My Creative Outlet**  
**21754 Devonshire St.**  
**Chatsworth**

For more information, go to [www.mycreativeoutlet.net](http://www.mycreativeoutlet.net).

## San Fernando Valley Chorale 2016 Holiday Songfest...



San Fernando Valley Chorale proudly presents their 2016 Holiday Songfest: The Wonderful World of Christmas. Director Conrad Immel has planned a thrilling selection of sacred and secular holiday songs that will bring together the Chorale's dedicated singers and

musicians to kick off your holiday with verve and style. From classical to boogie woogie, the San Fernando Valley Chorale 2016 Holiday Songfest

will be an evening to remember. Vocal and instrumental solos enhance the magic of these live performances. The Chorale is a non-profit, non-sectarian group of men and women singers who share their love of music with the community. Suggested donations for performances are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children.

**Saturday, December 10**  
**7:00 pm**

**Chapel of the Cross**  
**10000 Sepulveda Blvd.**  
**Mission Hills**

**Sunday, December 11**  
**5:30 pm**

**Congregational Church of Chatsworth**  
**20440 Lassen St.**  
**Chatsworth**

*For more information, call (818) 884-8897 or email [dnconway@icloud.com](mailto:dnconway@icloud.com).*

### **Finish the Ride Holiday Challenge...**

Registration is now open for the Finish The Ride, Run, Walk N' Roll Holiday Challenge 2016. Join Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE) and SoCal Cross for an awesome event for everyone from beginners to hardcore athletes. All proceeds will benefit the Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE) non-profit organization dedicated to preventing traffic fatalities, ending hit and run crimes and helping those who have been affected by traffic collisions.



**Sunday, December 11**  
**6:00 am**

**Woodley Park**  
**6100 Woodley Ave.**  
**Van Nuys**

*For more information, to become a volunteer, and to register, go to [www.FinishTheRide.org](http://www.FinishTheRide.org).*

### **Soroptimist of San Fernando Valley Succulent Sale...**





Shop for your family's holiday tree and greens at the Soroptimist of San Fernando Valley Succulent Sale. All proceeds will fund scholarships for women in our community.

**Sunday, December 11**

**9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Tapia Brothers Farm Stand**

**5251 Havenhurst Ave.  
Encino**

*For more information, call (818) 473-5118.*

### **Wilkinson Senior Center 2016 Holiday Bazaar...**

Join the Robert M. Wilkinson Multi-Purpose Senior Center as they host their 2016 Holiday Bazaar. Enjoy local vendors, holiday shopping, decorations, raffle tickets, and refreshments all in one convenient location.



**Wednesday, December 14**

**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Wilkinson Multi-Purpose Senior Center  
8956 Vanalden Ave.  
Northridge**

*For more information, to become a vendor, and to RSVP, call (818) 885-5144.*

### **Operation Blankets of Love Volunteer Orientation Meeting...**



Operation Blankets of Love is a non-profit animal welfare and emergency relief organization. Volunteers are needed throughout Los Angeles. While Operation Blankets of Love does not work directly with animals, they provide pet aid and comfort items to homeless animals in shelters, rescue groups and pets of the homeless. They are holding a New Volunteer

Orientation Meeting that will include an optional 30-minute private, behind-the-scenes shelter tour afterward.

**Sunday, December 18**

**11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**The East Valley Shelter  
14409 Vanowen St.  
Van Nuys**

For more information and to RSVP, call (818) 402-6586 or email [obol@obol.info](mailto:obol@obol.info). To donate, go to [www.operationblanketsoflove.org](http://www.operationblanketsoflove.org).

## The CD 12 Pets of the Week...



This week, our West Valley Animal Shelter Cat of the Week is a 2 year old named "Carmela" (ID # A1654896). Carmela is an affectionate Dilute Tortie and Snowshoe mix with soft fur and bright blue eyes. She is friendly, loves water, and will be an excellent choice for any home.

Our West Valley Animal Shelter Dog of the Week spot goes to a spunky little lap dog named "Ernie" (ID # A1651884). Ernie is a 6 year old cheerful, loving, and friendly companion that plays well with other dogs, and is sure to brighten your day.

To give these pets a forever home, visit the shelter at 20655 Plummer St., Chatsworth, [\(818\) 756-9325](tel:8187569325). See all the City shelter animals at the [L.A. Animal Services Search-By-Shelter Page](#).

## STAFF REPORT

### Reports From Our Staff: Avoiding Phone Scams...



Our Chief of Staff, John Lee, would like to inform you on how to avoid phone scams. Many legitimate charities and companies utilize telemarketing techniques to either call consumers or advertise a number for consumers to call. Unfortunately fraudulent telemarketers rob people every day using phones as their weapons. Fraud and identity theft

increases through the holiday season and it is vital that you know how to protect yourself against scammers.

- Know who you're dealing with. If the company or charity is unfamiliar, check it out with your state or local consumer protection agency and the Better Business Bureau.
- Don't believe promises of easy money. If someone claims that you can earn money with little or no work, get a loan or credit card even if you have bad credit or make money on an investment with little or no risk, it's probably a scam. Always remember, that an offer that sounds too good to be true, probably is.
- Think twice before entering contests operated by unfamiliar companies. Fraudulent marketers sometimes use contest entry forms to identify potential victims.
- Never pay to play. It's illegal for a company to require you to buy something or pay a fee in order to win or claim a prize. Buying something doesn't improve your chances of winning.
- Resist pressure. Legitimate companies will be happy to send you detailed information and give you time to make a decision. It is probably a scam if the marketer demands that you act immediately or will not take "No" for an answer.
- Guard your personal information. Only provide your credit card or bank account number when you are actually paying for something. Do not give your social security number to a telemarketer.
- Senior citizens are particularly vulnerable to scams that take advantage of people who live alone. Seniors need to be wary when dealing with salespersons, particularly over the phone.
- Use common sense, ask for names, addresses, and call back phone numbers. If you feel suspicious simply hang up.

If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from a Government or unknown agency and you feel pressured to make an immediate payment or to share your personal information, hang up the phone, stay calm, and do your research.

If you are victimized, or need advise and assistance, call the LAPD Commercial Crimes Division - Fraud Section at (213) 485-3795.



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